

## INITIAL EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT – SERVICE CHANGE

Department	Children's Services, Policy and Development Division, Play and Extended Services
Service	<b>Alton Morning Group</b>
People involved	Head of Service and Service Managers, Centre Staff, Service Users (children and young people)

### 1. What are the aims of the service and what changes are being proposed?

The Alton Morning group offers a Parent/Carer and Child drop in service that aims to engage families with children aged 0-5 to provide integrated early childhood services. The aim is to improve outcomes by age 5 and to close the attainment gap between disadvantaged young children and the rest of the child population. In order to achieve necessary budget reductions within the One O'clock Centre service it is proposed to cease direct delivery of the service of the existing Wandsworth Council delivered service at Alton Morning Group, Ellisfield Drive, SW15 4DR

### 2. What is the rationale behind these changes?

The Council faces a reduction in budget of 55 million by 2014. Each Department has scrutinised its services to ascertain if they can be delivered in different more cost effective ways and if they are still required.

The Alton Morning Group is one of twelve One O'clock Centres across the Borough and is one of two provided on the Alton housing estate in Roehampton, SW15. It is the only One O'clock Centre currently open in the morning.

During the period 1<sup>st</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2011 the Alton Morning Group provided a service to 168 children and 138 parents/carers with a total of 1351 visits.

Users of the service will continue to have access to equivalent services at the Alton One O'clock Centre, SW15 4LY, 0.5 miles away located on the same estate and available every weekday afternoon; and Children's Centres 'Stay and Play' Services at the toy library at 166 Roehampton Lane SW15 4EU daily during term time.

### 3. What information do you have on the service and the potential impact of your service change in relation to the following?

	<b>List information you have. Do not put what the information shows you</b> Information includes number of people using the service, customer satisfaction, feedback on service, results of consultation			
Race	Service user snapshot 1 <sup>st</sup> May – 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2011 based on 306 respondents. <u>Children</u>			
	Asian: Pakistani	3%	29	4%
	Asian: Other	3%	48	6%

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Gender	<div>Service user monthly snapshot</div> <div> <div>Children</div> <div> <div>Female37%25933%</div> <div>Male52%45959%</div> <div>Unknown11%</div> </div> <div>Parents/carers</div> <div> <div>Female91%54094%</div> <div>Male9%</div> </div> </div>
Disability	<div>Service user monthly snapshot</div> <div>1% of service users both children and adults/carers seen by Contact a family service.</div>
Age	<div>Service user monthly snapshot</div> <div>Children</div> <div> <div>Ages 0 - 11%51%</div> </div>

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	Ages 1 - 2 Ages 2 - 3 Ages 3 - 4 Ages 4 - 5 Ages 5 - 6 <u>Parents/carers</u> Teenagers Known to be over 20 Unknown/not collected	18% 23% 32% 14% 7%  1% 59% 40%	153 166 301 119 23  2 357	20% 21% 39% 15% 3%  0% 62%
Faith	Not currently collected			
Sexual Orientation	Not currently Collected			
4. Thinking about each group below please list the impact that the service change will have				
	<u>Positive</u> impacts of service change	Possible <u>negative</u> impacts of service change		
Race	Approximately 20% of those using the service already use the afternoon Alton one o'clock service at Fontley Way, SW15  The majority of users access the toy library at 166 Roehampton Lane, SW15	35% of children and 38% of parents/carers are from BAME which is higher than the Borough average of 22.05% and the ward average of 20.67%  Any impact on this group will be mitigated as alternative, equivalent provision will continue to be available at Alton One O'clock Centre and 166 Roehampton Lane		
Gender	Approximately 20% of those using the service already use the afternoon Alton One O'clock service at Fontley Way, SW15.  The majority have accessed the toy library at 166 Roehampton Lane, SW15. The data shows that usage by male (52%) and female (37%) appears to differ slightly from Borough wide averages for males (52%) and females (48%) 0-5 years and Roehampton ward averages males (51%) and females (49%). However 11% of users had not declared their child's gender on registration	Whilst service provides disproportionately for female parents/carers (91%) This is typical of other One O'clock Centres		
Disability	Very low prevalence of service users with	The service currently has a designated		

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	disability/special needs	sensory room facility not available at other settings
Age	The service provides for children aged 0-5 years old with the majority of children engaged are aged 1-4 years. Only 1% of parent/carers users are teenagers	
Faith		No information provided
Sexual orientation		No information provided

**5. Is a full EIA required?** No.

**Comments - Please give the rationale here for not undertaking a full EIA**

Alternative and equivalent provision is readily available in the immediate area and is already used by many of the current users of the provision

**6. Through the initial EIA have you identified any actions that needed to be implemented to improve access to the service or monitoring of the service? (please list)**

Through consultation with service users there is the potential to offer some morning 'stay and play' sessions at the alternative One O'clock Centre at Fontley Way to ensure services are still available in the morning. This could be achieved by taking a more flexible approach to opening than is currently in place. The One O'clock Centre at Fontley Way is adjacent to a new nursery which offers daycare services. It is envisaged that this will create a community hub of services to specifically benefit parents/carers with children aged 0-5 years at Fontley Way

The service currently provides a designated sensory room for children with special needs however the services provided at Alton One O'clock Centre, Fontley Way and 166 Roehampton Lane both offer sensory play equipment and opportunities

Marketing of alternative equivalent provision will ensure that those users of the Centre are well aware of the other provision in the area

Signed

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